

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle



Fight for rights pays off

Photos by Sgt. Tanya Polk

Sgt. Lamar Webb and Sherry Overton demonstrate boxing drills and combinations during Stewart-Hunter's Women's Equality Day observance at Club Stewart, Aug. 22. Women's boxing lessons are offered at the Newman Fitness Center.

Marne Division celebrates women's equality



Juanita Dore-Lowery performs a Gospel praise dance celebrating women's equality at Club Stewart, Aug. 22.

Sgt. Tanya Polk
Editor

"It doesn't matter in the Dog Face Soldier division whether you're black or white, male or female," said Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch.

Opening for the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Women's Equality observance via video-teleconference, Lynch, the 3rd Infantry Division commanding general and Task Force Marne commander currently deployed to Iraq, recognized the many contributions of female Soldiers, Aug. 22.

"(We have) Soldiers across this battlefield; 16,000 Soldiers in Task Force Marne alone, and many of those are female Soldiers making amazing contributions and making a difference every day," Lynch told observers at Club Stewart. "Their talents, their skills and their courage are immeasurable. Gender doesn't matter because they're making differences based on their capability and capacity as professional Soldiers."

The United States designated Aug. 26 as a federal observance commemorating the passage of the 19th Amendment - the Woman Suffrage Amendment - to the United States Constitution which gave women full voting rights in 1920.

Contributing to the celebration, Sgt. Kelichia Wellons, 3rd Signal Company, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Inf. Div., sang "Caged Bird" by Rhythm and Blues artist, Alicia Keys. Juanita Dore - Lowery performed a gospel praise dance, and Jimmy "Hurricane" Williams, professional boxer and trainer, spoke of the rising popularity of women's boxing.

Lily H. Baker, chairman of the Liberty County Board of Education, joined the Marne Division's celebration as she spoke of women's suffrage and continued efforts towards equal rights in the U.S., and she shared the importance of voting.

"Women have, and will continue to make contributions to society as

lawyers, mothers, health care providers, educators, business owners, Soldiers, and many other professions, said Baker, a 31-year former teacher of Wayne and Liberty counties. "(However), in the early 19th century, women were considered second-class citizens whose existence (was) limited to the home and caring for the children. Women did not have the right to own property, maintain their wages, or sign a contract; and yes, they were not allowed to vote."

Baker talked about how women struggled until the adoption of the 19th amendment on Aug. 19, 1920.

"Our parents, our grandparents, our great-grandparents, understand the struggle, and they understand that we must educate our children and continue to pass the torch," Baker said. "When you have been denied certain rights and you are educated about the struggle, you take pride and honor with the thought of those who fought and died for women to have the right to vote."

Despite the struggle of the activists who died while making a difference, Baker said 87 years later, some women ignore the privilege to vote. In reference to the 2006 elections in Liberty County, Baker stated that of the 9,713 registered female voters, only 4,165 actually casted their vote.

"I'm giving you these numbers to show you that here in Liberty County our registered voters are not coming out to the polls to vote," Baker exclaimed. "As women, we fought long and hard for equal rights. We wanted equal pay. We wanted the same opportunities. But yet, we are given the right to vote, and we don't do it."

"We have a very serious problem," Baker said.

Baker, who followed in

the footsteps of activists such as slave-born Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, Lucy Stone, Julia Ward Howe, and Henry Blackwell - who fought for the many privileges that women have today - climbed the ladder to success as she was elected the first female and first African American chairman for the Liberty County Board of Education.

"We will soon be electing a new mayor in Hinesville," Baker said. "We will soon be electing a new president of the United States of America. Your vote counts. Every vote counts."

"I stand here today, some 87 years after the adoption of the 19th amendment elected the first African American female school board chairman. I know that every vote counted."

Baker concluded by encouraging all to register and be an active voter.

"If you don't like something, change it," Baker said. "Don't complain; change it. Voting is a privilege and a voice; a voice that each and every one of us should exercise. I encourage you to use your voice and vote."

"It is time for each of us to contribute to society."



Lt. Col. Paul B. Gale, Stewart rear-detachment commander, presents Lily H. Baker a plaque as a token of appreciation for speaking at Stewart-Hunter's Women's Equality Day observance, Aug. 22.



Middle schoolers learn of Middle East

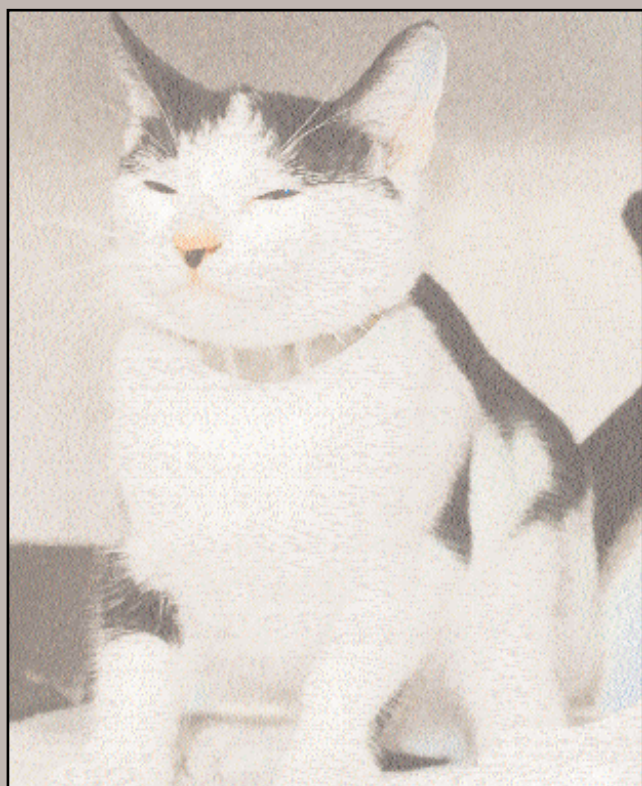
Pvt. Jerome Arp

Lt. Col. Roger Shuck, 4th Brigade Combat Team deputy commander, answers a 7th grade student's question at Snelson-Golden Middle School in Hinesville Aug. 16.

Shuck briefed the students on Middle Eastern countries' demographics, economics and geography.

Many of the students at Snelson-Golden Middle School are children of currently deployed or soon-to-deploy 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers.

Pets of the Week



Star the kitten and Xavier the puppy are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



MWR Briefs

Pet fostering available

Caring for your pet while your loved one is deployed can be a difficult task and this valuable program can assure that your furry loved one receives the proper care he deserves, in a secure and loving environment.

"Dogs of Deployed Soldiers" will help you find a foster Family for your dog during your Soldiers' deployment. In order to be considered, your dog must be up to date on all of their vaccinations and must be spayed or neutered. Current vet information must also be provided and only Family-friendly breeds will be considered for the program.

The program has been successful thus far placing at least 10 dogs into foster care. Those who are interested in having their dog fostered or who are interested in becoming a foster Family should contact Nancy Hanson at 598-4134.

Benefits offered to Families of Deployed

The following MWR facilities are offering discounts to Families of deployed Soldiers who fall under the 15:12 Initiative:

Talors Creek and Hunter Golf: Receive \$10 off on the

greens fee all day Monday - Thursday, receive \$10 off on the greens fee after 1 p.m. Friday - Sunday, and \$10 off lessons. Call Stewart, 767-2370 or Hunter, 315-9115.

Stewart Lanes: \$1 game and shoe rental 50 cents on Monday nights. Participants must sign-in with their last name, last four digits of their social security, and provide deployed Soldiers unit name. Call 767-4273, for more information.

Hunter Lanes: \$1 game and shoe rental 50 cents, every Saturday. For more information call 315-5695/6279.

Tumbling classes offered at CDC

Tumbling classes for children ages 2 and older are available at the Child Development Center, building 403, every Tuesday from 9 - 9:45 a.m. Children must be registered through Child Youth Services.

Mommy and Me Tumbling available

Tumbling classes are offered every Wednesday at Jordan Gym from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. for ages 12 months - 2 years, and from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. for ages 2 - 4. Sports physicals are required for all participants. Register by calling 767-6071.



AAFES PRESENTS

AUG 30 THROUGH SEPT 5



I Know Who Killed Me Today — 7 p.m.

(Lindsay Lohan, Julia Ormond)

An idyllic small town is rocked when Aubrey Fleming, a bright and promising young woman, is abducted and tortured by a sadistic serial killer. When she manages to escape, the traumatized girl who regains consciousness in the hospital insists that she is not who they think she is and that the real Aubrey Fleming is still in mortal danger. *Rated R (violence, torture, gore)*

Hairspray

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.

(John Travolta, Queen Latifah)

Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with big hair and an even bigger heart, has only one passion - dancing. Her dream is to appear on "The Corny

Collins Show," Baltimore's hippest dance party on TV. Tracy seems a natural fit for the show except for one not-so-little problem - she doesn't fit in. Her plus-sized figure has always set her apart from the cool crowd, which she is reminded of by her loving but overly protective plus-sized mother, Edna. That doesn't stop Tracy because if there is one thing that this girl knows, it's that she was born to dance. *Rated PG (language, suggestive content, teen smoking) 115 min*

Underdog

Sunday — 6 p.m.

(Alex Neuberger, Peter Dinklage)

A bumbling watchdog gets exposed to a substance that gives him the powers of a superhero. He is adopted by a 12-year-old boy and uses his superpower to protect his love and the citi-

zens of Capitol City from the evil Simon Barsinister. *Rated PG (crude humor, language, action) 84 min*

Who's your Caddy?

Sept. 5 — 7 p.m.

(Antwan 'Big Boi' Patton, James L. Avery)

Superstar rap mogul C-Note runs into fierce opposition when he tries to join the super stuffy Carolina Pines Golf and Country Club. Undeterred, C-Note gets the brilliant idea to buy the land adjacent to the golf club's 17th hole, which he cleverly leverages to gain membership. C-Note's crew

Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule, but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.

HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

Help prevent mosquito bites

Winn Public Affairs

Getting ready for that Labor Day picnic or backyard barbeque? Along with the food and fun, can come those pesky biting bugs, mosquitoes.

While mosquitoes were once commonly regarded as a summertime pest, they have become much more over the past few years. Today, mosquitoes in this area not only cause annoyance via their bites, but they also carry parasites and may carry diseases to include the West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

Winn Army Community Hospital's Department of Preventive Medicine and Chatham County Mosquito Control are implementing surveillance and control programs to help keep all who reside in the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield area safe.

Here are some things residents can do to further protect themselves from biting insects.

1. Avoid outside activity during dusk and dawn.
2. Wear insect repellent when engaging outdoor activities.
3. Make sure door and window screens are in good condition.
4. Remove any standing water sources (trash, flower pots, containers, etc.) around houses.
5. Cover as much exposed skin as possible when engaging in outdoor activities.
6. Avoid insect prone areas.

Enjoy the outdoors, but remember to protect yourself from mosquitoes and use insect repellent.

For more information or to report a pest problem, call Capt. Hee Kim, installation entomologist, at 435-5716.

You can also obtain information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site at www.cdc.gov.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

August 3

• **Bryce Dyllan Pulsipher**, a boy, 7 pounds, born to Spc. Daniel Allen Pulsipher and Cecilia Karina Pulsipher.

August 5

• **Rebekah Lynne Lindsey**, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. Jonathon Michael Lindsey and Amanda Lynne Lindsey.

August 6

• **Aidan Morgan Patrick**, a boy, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. Aaron Allen Patrick and Sarah Lynn Patrick.

August 7

• **Kylah Jovonnice-Nicole Kearse**, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Devin Kearse and Tiffany Kearse.

• **Jackie Ellen Garza**, a girl, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Pvt. Joshua James Garza.

August 8

• **Felina Isabella Tatiana Kay Couch**, a girl, 7 pounds, born to Sgt. Donald Ray Couch and Amanda Victoria Couch.

• **Gerry Stuart Williams Jr.**, a boy, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Warrant Officer Gerry Williams and Sgt. 1st. Class Traci Williams.

• **Payton James Evans**, a boy, 10 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Sgt. Evans William and Melissa Evans.

• **Christophe Mercy Gilpin**, a boy, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Command Sgt. Maj. Chris Gilpin and Lorraine Gilpin.

• **Camryn Sania Chance**, a girl, 7 pounds, 1 ounce,

born to Sgt. John Chance and Crystal Chance.

• **Jason Allan Calloway Jr.**, a boy, 9 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Jason Allan Calloway and Monica Amber Calloway.

August 10

• **Jonathan James Furches**, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Sgt. Christopher Furches and Mary Furches.

• **Mary Florence-Rojas Ramirez**, a girl, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Pvt. David Orlando Ramirez and Carolina Marisol Ramirez.

August 11

• **Deniya Renae Houston**, a girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Donald Houston and Karshina Houston.

• **Sajan Nagaraj Batley**, a boy, 7 pounds, born to James Batley and Capt. Uma Nagaraj.

August 13

• **Marissa Carolyn Holler**, a girl, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to 1st Lt. Andrew Holler and Kristin Holler.

• **Masias Orlando Turner**, a boy, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Orlando Turner Jr., and Staff Sgt. Thaldaria Turner.

August 14

• **Falon Tobias Jackson**, a boy, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Pfc. Jeremi Jackson and Jessica Jackson.

August 15

• **Dion Lantang Andrew**, a boy, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. Andreas Lantang and Anggreni Lantang.

Winn Briefs

Federal holiday observed

Sept. 3 is Labor Day, a federal holiday. On that day, services at Winn Army Community Hospital will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies.

All services at Tuttle Army Health Clinic and the Lloyd C. Hawks Troop Medical Clinic will be closed as well.

Full operations will resume Sept. 4.

New diabetic clinic slated

Tuttle Army Health Clinic has started a diabetic clinic for patients that have been diagnosed with diabetes.

The clinic is a disease management clinic for the treatment of diabetes only. Diabetic patients will continue to see their primary care provider for other health care concerns.

Patients will be seen by an internist and a clinical pharmacist.

For an appointment please call 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Warriors in Transition

Brandon Yarber, ombudsman, is here at Fort Stewart to assist Warriors in Transition and their Families with issues and concerns regarding medical care. Please contact Yaber at 435-6143/6225, e-mail: brandon.yarber@us.army.mil or visit his office in the Patient Service Center at Winn Army Community Hospital, Suite CH32.

Canceling appointments

If you need to cancel your scheduled appointment, please contact your provider within the appropriate time frame.

In many specialties, such as pediatrics and Family practice, appointments are in high demand. Your early cancellation will give another patient the opportunity to have access to timely medical care.

Please call at least one day in advance to cancel your appointment to allow someone else to receive medical treatment.

Call 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221 to cancel. Help us help you!

Tuttle clinic hours

Tuttle Army Health Clinic is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

The pharmacy, laboratory, radiology and medical records are also open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday- Friday.

The clinic is closed the fourth Thursday of every month from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for training. For more information, call 315-6500/6811.

Blood drive slated

Winn Army Community Hospital is hosting a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday Sept. 11. ID is required to donate. All blood types are needed. Give the gift of life; give blood.

Book appointments online

Want an alternative to calling the appointment line?

TRICARE online could be your answer. You can book your appointments online at the TRICARE online Web site, www.tricareonline.com. This link is also available through the Winn Web site homepage, www.winn.amedd.army.mil.

Five Steps of health care

1. Speak up if you have questions or concerns.
2. Keep a list of ALL the medicines you take.
3. Make sure you get the results of any test/procedure.
4. Talk with your doctor and health care team about your options if you need hospital care.
5. Make sure that you understand what will happen if you need surgery.

Rise beyond routine, step into a world of the unknown



Chap. (Capt.) Jamison Bowman
1/76 FA

I served with several outstanding Soldiers in my last unit. One in particular attended chapel every week. He arrived early and helped clean after chapel.

Over the course of time, I noticed that this young specialist possessed a wonderful singing voice. One Sunday I asked him to lead our singing in the future. He responded positively, and our worship improved dramatically.

On the surface, it may appear that this young man was excellent in his deeds from the outset. After all, he attended, listened intently, and mingled with others in the congregation. But this Soldier also had an inner gift that was buried just beneath the surface.

People personify excellence when they rise beyond the routine and step into a world of the unknown. Many times we reduce the phrase "I did my best" to really mean "I'm doing this deed more often or better than most people; therefore, that constitutes my best."

One evening I walked into a room as I looked for my grandmother. "Grandma," I called. Unbeknownst to me, she was on her knees in prayer with her back to me.

Now, I say with certainty that she heard my voice though she gave no response. However, she prioritized her communication and did not break her conversation with the Almighty.

How many of us would have answered, "Just a minute..." or "What do you want?" In **1 Corinthians 12:31**, the apostle Paul

begins his discourse in love with the statement, "*And now I will show you the most excellent way.*"

If we are motivated by love, we operate in a higher plane of existence. Love for God makes the difference between regular prayer and dedicated prayers of excellence. Love for fellow man transforms a reliable specialist into an excellent praise leader.

What in your life will you change? Will you maximize your parenting skills? Will you begin to give your all in the motor pool?

Will you implement that idea that floats through your imagination but remains abstract?

We are challenged to achieve the Chaplain Corps Value of excellence as God motivates us through His love.

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Heritage	9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Heritage	5 p.m.
Protestant		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Victory	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
American Samoan	Vale	11 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
Kids' Church (K to 6th grade)	Across from Dia. Elem.	11 a.m.
PWOC (Tuesday)	Marne	9:30 a.m.

Islamic
Friday Jum'ahMarne1:30 p.m.
Contact Kalif Ali at 876-5661.

Jewish
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 332-2084.
FridayMarne11:30 a.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic	
Sunday Mass	Chapel11 a.m.

Protestant	
Sunday Service	Chapel9 a.m.

Religious Education Contacts
Stewart and Hunter, Director of RE, Mike Iliff, call 767-9789.
Stewart Catholic RE coordinator, Beth Novak, call 767-6825.
Hunter Catholic RE coordinator, Pamela Perez, call 315-5440.

Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry Junior and Senior High Students!

Join us for free games and pizza
6:30 - 8 p.m. Sunday,
at Vale Chapel in Bryan Village.
For more information,
call 877-7207.



Kids Church

Exciting Bible Lessons
with music, puppets, videos, crafts, games

11 a.m. to Noon, Sunday

at School Age Services
(across from Diamond Elementary)

For all kids Grade K-6

Scheduled Bus Pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Victory Chapel

Questions?
Contact Chaplain Ric Thompson at 767-6831

Attend Marriage 101

The unit ministry team conducts a marriage 101 seminar the fourth Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Victory Chapel.

The session is for singles, engaged couples, newlyweds, and seasoned partners. The materials are provided as well as lunch.

For more information or to make reservations, call the Family Life Chaplain, at 767-7028.

Liberty County Mass Choir

Rehearsals are 7 p.m. every Tuesday at
First Presbyterian Church, Hinesville.
Contact Cathy Goolsby to get your book and
rehearsal CD at machllube@coastal.net or
369-4818; or contact Ronald Calhoun at rcal-houn@schoolofchurchmusic.org or 247-3424.

Troops indulge in prayer breakfast for spiritual health

Pfc. Gaelen Lowers
3rd SB Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE Q-WEST, Iraq – A Soldier's physical and mental well being have to be in excellent shape both at home station and especially when deployed. Staying hydrated is important as well as knowing the proper safety measures both on and off a forward operating base, but another important aspect of a Soldier's health is their spiritual well being. That is why the 3rd Sustainment Brigade held its first prayer breakfast for FOB Q-West, Aug. 14.

Chaplain Maj. Addison Burgess, 3rd Sustainment Bde. and FOB Q-West chaplain, presided over the breakfast while several brigade Soldiers offered a prayer for the FOB Q-West Soldiers, civilians and for world peace.

Col. Darrell K. Williams, 3rd Sustainment Bde. and FOB commander, gave his welcome speech to the group.

"'Oh God,' is the first thing someone says, whether they have spiritual convictions or not; when a tragedy strikes, or when their life's in danger or (when) they are injured," Williams said. "Today we pay tribute to the 'Oh God.'"

The guest speaker for the prayer breakfast was a good friend of Burgess, Chaplain Capt. Khallid M. Shabazz, battalion chaplain for the 1/227th Aviation out of Fort Hood, Texas.

Shabazz is one of five Muslim chaplains in the United States Army and the only one in theater.

"Out of 1,389 chaplains in the Army, there are only five Muslim chaplains," Shabazz explained. "It makes me feel very busy and very useful. I'm always invited out to speak about my faith. It makes me feel great."

"They keep us real busy," Shabazz continued. "I've been deployed in the last eight years, six times."

Shabazz said that one of the great things about the United States is that the nation allows a Muslim chaplain in uniform to speak to troops about Islam and provide for them any clarifications.

"That's really what democracy is all about," he said.

"They don't have to except it, but they have to be aware of it because we have Soldiers in the Army who are Muslim."

In addition to the prayer breakfast, guest speaker Shabazz held a few training seminars for the Soldiers and civilians on FOB Q-West.

These seminars were held to teach the Muslim faith and also the upcoming Muslim holy holiday of Ramadan.

"The training is absolutely essential," Shabazz said.

"There are a lot of misconceptions of Muslims out there. As a Muslim chaplain serving in the Army, in uniform, I think (the Soldiers) would be more apt to listen to me then to have some 'imam' off the street."

Shabazz feels it's important that he can talk to people in the language of the Army and give them a piece of his faith to help provide a better understanding of the Muslim culture. He encouraged everyone in attendance to participate and ask questions.

"There are two people that don't learn. One is the shy, and the other one is the arrogant," Shabazz said.

"The shy person doesn't learn because he doesn't ask the question, and the arrogant person thinks he knows it all."

Pfc. Gaelen Lowers

Chap. (Capt.) Khallid M. Shabazz, battalion chaplain for the 1/227th Aviation out of Fort Hood, speaks to a group of Soldiers at the 3rd Sustainment Brigade's first prayer breakfast on Forward Operating Base Q-West, Aug. 14.



Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Savannah Cultural Events

Activities sponsored by the Savannah Department of Cultural Affairs include these ongoing events:

Every first Friday of the month

Folk Music by Savannah Folk Music Society, 7:30 p.m., free, at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church.

The Arts at City Market Center, upstairs, Jefferson and West St. Julian Streets, free, 6:30- 8:30 p.m. Call 232-7731.

Every first Saturday of the month

Adult and youth basic ballroom dance classes, by Moon River Dancers: 1-3 p.m. at the West Broad Street YMCA, 1110 May Street. Admission is \$3 per person. Call 925-7416 or visit www.savannahusabda.org.

Every third Wednesday of the month

Open Mic Poetry Night - sign up at 7:45 p.m., Gallery Espresso, 6 East Liberty St. Call 233-5348 for more information.

Saturdays and Sundays

Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home Foundation tours 1-5 p.m. every Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sundays. Located at 207 E. Charlton St. on Lafayette Square.

Born in Savannah in 1925, writer, Mary Flannery O'Connor, lived in a Charlton Street house until 1938.

Today, it is maintained partly as a memorial to her and partly as a literary center for Savannah. Call 233-6014.

Every Sunday

Oldie Goldies Sunday at the American Legion Post 500, 1716 Montgomery St., 4-8 p.m. Call 925-7116.

The Reel Savannah Film Group presentations, 7 p.m., Sunday evenings at the Lucas Theatre. Tickets cost \$6 and are available an hour before showtime.

Visit AASU Arboretum

Armstrong Atlantic State University has an arboretum, which encompasses the 250 acre campus displaying more than 100 species of trees and 200 species of shrubs and other woody plants. The Fern Collection, featuring 23 varieties of

native and non-native ferns, is on the west side of Jenkins Hall. Plants with white flowers or white variegated foliage make up The White Garden behind the administration building. The Ginger Collection focuses on seven groups of ginger plants and is at the south end of Hawes Hall. For more information or to schedule an educational tour, call AASU's plant operations at 921-5472.

Frisbee golf offered at Richard B. Russell

Disc golf may not get much coverage by sports writers, but it has a loyal following of fans who enjoy exercising outdoors while testing their throwing skills. The game is played much like regular golf, only the players throw special discs into baskets rather than hitting balls into holes. The typical course features 18 "holes" with challenges of trees, streams and other natural obstacles. The cost is only \$2 for parking and \$1 per person to play. After a fun game in the field, visitors can enjoy watersports on Lake Richard B. Russell, exploring hiking and biking trails, or relaxing at numerous picnic spots throughout the park. Richard B. Russell State Park is located eight miles northeast of Elberton off Hwy. 77. For more information, call 706-213-2045 or visit www.gastateparks.org.

Join ballroom dancing

Here are your opportunities to join together with Seaside Dance Association on Jekyll Island: The association has weekly dance classes Thursdays: 7 p.m., welcome and registration; 7:15 p.m., basic syllabus I dance class and advanced syllabus II dance practice; at 8:15 p.m., advanced syllabus II dance class and basic syllabus I dance practice. Cost is \$4 per class for members and \$7 for non-members. Membership costs \$25 annually. For more information, call 634-9527.

Telfair open six days a week

The Telfair Museum of Art is on Telfair Square at 121 Barnard St. in Savannah. Admission is \$10. The museum is open 1-5

p.m., Sunday; noon-5 p.m., Monday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. For more information, call 232-1177.

George Foreman visits Savannah

Boxing legend George Foreman, Sr. will be the guest speaker at the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club Annual Fundraising Dinner, "For Kids' Sake", 6:30 p.m., Sept. 20, at the Armstrong Atlantic State University Conference Center. Musical entertainment by American Idol finalist Stephanie Edwards, and Ben Tucker Jazz. The evening features a silent auction, wine, and a catered dinner.

Tickets are \$175; table and event sponsorship opportunities available. For more information, call 233-2939; e-mail to fcbgced@comcast.net or ccurreyortiz@yahoo.com.

Masterpiece Series lecture slated

The new season of Celia Dunn Sotheby's International Realty's "The Masterpiece Series" kicks off with an illustrated lecture based on "The Southern Cottage" by Susan Sully, a leading authority on southern style and the author of six volumes on the subject.

The lecture-luncheon will be at noon, Sept. 11 at the Chatham Club. Proceeds will benefit Savannah Music Festival and Savannah Technical College. For more information, call 234-3323.

Help remember America's POW/MIAs

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 671 Savannah is hosting a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day ceremony on Sept. 21, at the Vietnam Memorial on Bay Street in Savannah. The ceremony begins at 7 p.m.

This ceremony is in remembrance and recognition of all servicemembers that are still missing in action or prisoners of war from all branches of service and all of our nations wars.

For more information, call 927-3356 or 398-5095.

Diversity health center receives grant to establish

Primary Care Center in Ludowici

Residents of Long County will soon have access to a new primary care health center thanks to a grant announced today by Congressman Jack Kingston and U.S. Senators Johnny Isakson and Saxby Chambliss.

Funding for the Diversity Health Center of Long County, to be located in Ludowici, will come from the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources.

A three-year project grant has been awarded to Diversity Health Center, Inc., with first year funding of \$599,004, to establish a health center in Long County that will be accessible to all area residents. Diversity has operated a primary care center in Hinesville since last December, and has served many Long County residents since that time. Diversity's operations are supervised by a Board of Directors that has members from both Liberty and Long counties.

"This is a great day for the people of Long County, and a great step forward for health care in this area of the state," said Long County Commissioner Mike McGowan, who has actively supported funding of the new primary care center.

"I am very happy to have a center which will work with the county transit system, the health department, the schools and City

of Ludowici to ensure health care is available to all Long County citizens, irrespective of their insurance status."

U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson, in announcing the grant award, said "The Diversity Health Center in Long County will serve an area where many of the residents lack adequate access to health-care, and this funding will help ensure that these folks receive the preventive care they need to avoid a lifetime of illness.

" Russ Toal, Diversity's CEO, noted that the new primary care center in Ludowici will provide needed services to a population of more than 11,000 people, many of whom have had to leave their home county for the most basic health care.

The federal grant for the Diversity Long County facility calls for a staff of one full time family practice physician, a part time internist, a nurse practitioner, RN, licensed social worker, nutritionist as well as a case worker to coordinate outreach.

In addition, the center will be able to make arrangements for dental, mental health, pharmacy and well care services. The center also will have a contract with the county's transit system to ensure residents have access to the center. Back-up and specialty services will be provided by Liberty Regional Medical Center, which also runs EMS services for Long County.

Long County Diversity Board member Pastor Steve Stokes said, "For years our citizens have been forced to frequent the emergency room at hospitals in adjacent counties for routine medical care.



Perfume: The Story of a Murderer Movie

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Every now and then a film comes along that is so out there that you don't know whether you love it for its ingenuity, or you're horrified by its oddness. Either way, you can't pull yourself away from the screen, and in my case, you wonder how in heaven you're going to describe the experience to others and whether audiences will think you are as mad as its filmmakers for recommending such a brilliant piece of eccentricity.

Today that film is called "Perfume: The Story of a Murderer" based on the best-selling 1985 novel of the same name. The fact that this book was a best-seller gives me the impression that scores of others regarded its story just as I did - with trepidation but overall appreciation.

For me, the story is a one-of-a-kind fairy-tale set in 18th Century France about the life of an unusual orphan with a remarkable sense of smell. It is narrated by the fantastic voice of John Hurt (easily my second favorite Hollywood voice). I'm convinced that there's a deeper meaning behind the spectacle of the gross (I mean really gross) archaic jungle that is Paris and the epic adventure that Jean-Baptiste Grenouille and his nose embrace. It has to be something about the gifts mankind is given and how we corrupt them or allow them to corrupt us. Then again, I could be too idealistic, relative to this, dark, strangely beautiful, mildly horrifying tale.

Grenouille, fantastically acted by young stage actor Ben Whishaw, is a scrappy,

lucky to be alive, orphan who grows up in the roughest, nastiest of niches in Paris. He is born able to identify anything and everything with his uncanny nose. The ability isn't natural. It isn't just a heightened sense like an animal might have. Grenouille can smell glass. He can smell an apple being thrown at his head, and dodge it, just like Spider-man. He can smell things miles away. The problem is, thanks to his ratty life, he has no moral compass what-so-ever. That, and his chance encounter with a young girl, the owner of a beautiful new natural smell for the boy, drives him mad with an obsession, not just to hunt down more new and pleasing scents, but to capture them — make them last.

After a brief tutelage under an old per-

fumer brought to life by Dustin Hoffman in an Oscar-worthy show, Grenouille decides the perfuming science is the one that can capture the alluring smells of young women.

He is driven to bottle the essence of these ladies and doesn't mind killing them along the way, so long as his masterwork is completed.

He meets a noble adversary in the character of a wealthy father who becomes aware of mysterious serial killings and is sure his daughter is next. "Harry Potter's" Alan Rickman is this, Grenouille's staunch adversary bent on preventing him in his crazed work.

The ending is a mind-bending shocker you have to see to believe. "Perfume" is artsy, unbelievable, but grade-A filmmaking.

And, if you find you like it, Roger Ebert himself recommends the book on tape.



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Volunteer Spotlight



Liccett Vidal of Puerto Rico is an American Red Cross volunteer working in the Information Management Division at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Vidal is volunteering because she wants to give back to her community. Her interests and hobbies include computer software, baking and drawing.

If you'd like more information about becoming a Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 435-6903.



All-Army winner photographs Marne Division

Jennifer Scales

Public Affairs Specialist

She was heading for a career in business administration at Oklahoma State University, when Sam Bass, her father, went into the enrollment department and changed her curriculum without her consent to that of graphic

arts.

Such is how the lifetime career for Sharon Bass, army civilian digital photographer for Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield began. "I was very upset with my dad for two weeks," said Bass, "so much so that I could not even look at him. But after that time elapsed, I loved him and realized it was the best thing he could have ever done for me."

The senior Bass realized that his daughter had a talent that was under utilized. He told her how he had been observing her since she was smaller and how she took time to outline her drawings and mix her colors. He remarked, "I know you better than you do, and you don't belong in business administration. Trust me, this is what you were meant to do." So, Bass applied everything she had learning from other courses into cameras.

Bass recalls that as she was waiting for the graduation ceremony to occur,

she saw a poster in a store display that she just had to have. The poster referred to the Navy. When she asked if she could have it, the person in the office told her it was hers, as soon as she signed up for the service.

Thus another life facet began for Bass as a Navy photographer.

"They treated us like we were special," said Bass. "I was the only female in the Navy photo lab for my first four years. Initially, I was given a hard time, where they were even trying to lay a guilt trip on me. But once my work became known, the respect from people was overflowing."

Between her active duty and reserve time, Bass served in the military for 16 years. As a civilian she has worked as a contractor with the U. S. Air Force and also worked with Chuck Vance, who was the personal bodyguard for the late President Gerald Ford.

Since arriving at Stewart in 2003, Bass' mission has been to support the Soldier. "I take DA photos and special events. Anything that can be documented, I cover and photograph," said Bass.

Bass has taken high profile pictures of President George W. Bush, vice president Cheney, and the G-8 Summit, to name a few. Her favorites are those taken at Warrior's Walk and welcome home ceremonies. But there is

one photo that made her the number one photographer in the U. S. Army and placed her in a recent Canadian book publication. "The photo of the Butterfly Wing Shawl dancer was submitted and I won as all-Army photographer for 2004-2005. I was also included in the book 'Photo Laureates', which has a Web site and more of my photos," said Bass. She notes that Maryann Worley at the Directorate of Information Management pushed her into entering the latter. "They received over 25,000 photos, which got narrowed down to 2,600, then down to the 365 that are in the book," added Bass.

"Photography allows me to be an extrovert, and I use it as a way to express myself," Bass said. "I you look at my photos, you can see what I am feeling."

"I don't think anyone can become just anyone can become a photographer," continued Bass. "I think it is a God-given talent, like singing. Just like I could not be a Faith Hill, either you have a photographic eye or you don't."

For up and coming photographers, Bass advises using and taking advantage of what is offered. "If in high school, try working on the newspaper and get experience as the photographer. Also hone in on your computer skills as it is an integral part of photography now."



Courtesy photo

Sharon Bass, all-Army winning photographer is now employed at Stewart-Hunter.

ESC prides over 200 years of continued spousal support

Kara Casto

Frontline Contributor

The Enlisted Spouses' Clubs have changed members, changed leaders, and changed installations, but their activities and mission have remained the same for more than two centuries. The early "Ladies' Clubs" included all Soldiers' wives, and the enlisted wives organized their own clubs during the World War II era. The ladies cared for the children of their communities and continued in their efforts to assist Soldiers, and as the years passed, Army husbands joined the ranks of enlisted spouses.

During World War I, women's groups answered President Herbert Hoover's challenge to conserve food. They planted gardens, canned foods, and hosted wheatless and meatless community meals. The groups noted another need, and provided organized child care, as well as providing activities for the younger Family members. In her 1941 book, "The Army Wife," Nancy Shea wrote that NCO Wives' Clubs "assisted in planning the Post Children's Christmas Party, the youth group activities, the Scout programs and the post nursery." These activities were an integral role of the clubs for the decades prior to the creation of Army Child and Youth Services.

As American men traveled overseas to fight in World War II, their women sought ways to support the Army's mission at home. Wives' Clubs became increasingly active, and supported initiatives for Soldiers, as well as providing a social network for waiting spouses. Wives were expected to follow traditional social courtesies, such as wearing dresses and stockings to club meetings. Robert's Rules of Order became the accepted parliamentary procedure for club meetings, and remains the standard for modern meetings. Social mores changed throughout the years, particularly as more women entered the workforce, and marital roles changed, but many courtesies are still honored today.

Mary Preston Gross, in her 1969 handbook, "Mrs. NCO," encouraged wives to join their local Wives' Club. "You should join immediately. Actually, your membership should not have to be solicited; rather, you should seek out the membership chairman and let it be known you would like to become a member." The sense of camaraderie and friendship was vital to enjoyment of Army life.

During the 1970s and 80s, the composition of the Army changed. The new all-volunteer force allowed women to join in more military occupational specialties, and enlisted members were encouraged to marry, as opposed to the former single Soldier preference, and more men entered the rank of

"Army spouse." In 1996, Ann Crossley wrote, in "The Army Wife Handbook" that "these clubs usually encompass such worthwhile goals as: to organize and sponsor educational, charitable, cultural, and social activities; to provide information of interest to the members; and to foster ideals of charity and fellowship in keeping with those of the U.S. armed forces."

The Fort Stewart ESC is no exception to that description. The Rita Ackerman Scholarship, a memorial fund named for a former member, is an annual award for the spouse of an enlisted Soldier; active, retired, or deceased.

The ESC also participates in the annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life walk to benefit cancer research and initiatives, conducts monthly charitable drives for local relief agencies, and recently sponsored a blood drive for the American Red Cross.

Despite cultural and environmental changes, the ESC holds to its life-long mission of service to the Army community. According to ESC President Dawn McCraw, "We provide invaluable support to our local and military communities through many volunteer opportunities, while offering unity, friendship and camaraderie among our members"

For more information on ESC membership at Stewart, visit www.fortstewartesc.com.

Services cross marketed to Hunter community

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The cross marketing concept is simple. Find products and services that complement your own and market them together.

Recently, that's just what Larry Stanley, Army Community Service relocation manager, did with Melissa Huggins, Hunter Spouses' Club advisor.



Nancy Gould

Olympia Boles, a new spouse at Hunter, learns about what the Hunter Spouses' Club has to offer from Susan Corson, the club president. Corson holds 8-month-old Gabriel Boles while his mom learns about the club's activities and events.

Huggins approached Stanley about his upcoming Newcomer Expo, held Aug. 23, in the ACS Ballroom, and asked if Hunter Spouses' membership drive could be held with it. The turnout at the event indicated that the two groups together yielded more interest than either could have generated on its own.

"We've gotten more people at this Newcomer's Expo than at any I've held before," said Stanley, who said he was pleased with its success. "To be honest, the Hunter Spouses invited vendors that I don't believe I would have thought of."

Forty-two vendors set up their booths side-by-side in the ballroom and manned them with subject matter experts who greeted new and old residents who were there throughout the afternoon, explaining what they had to offer.

Kristen Hasse, an interior designer from Richmond Hill who owns 'It's Your House!' was one of them. "Ladies may not sign up today," she said, "but I tell them what I'm offering at a reasonable price and hopefully, they'll go home and think about it."

Thirteen-year-old William Woodberry was excited about the free bowling passes he won and the large spread of fruit and cookies for those attending. "This is really cool," he said. "I thought this was going to be boring, but it's not."

There were other interests for youth besides the bowling prizes. Kids gathered around the Child and Youth Services booths for stickers and prizes, as well as the Boy Scout booth, where John Petrillo, scout leader for Troop 8 stood by with older Boy Scout members.

"We're here to recruit young boys into the scouts," he said, adding that his newly formed troop now has 31 boys in the sixth grade and up. "So far today, two boys, ages seven and eight, have sign up."

The Super Sign Up booth manned by the Hunter Spouses' Club generated a lot of interest, along with several new members, according to Melissa Huggins, Hunter Spouses' Club advisor and wife of Brig. Gen. Jim Huggins, assistant division commander (maneuver), 3rd Infantry Division.

"We're here to reach out to spouses from all ranks," said Huggins, adding that the club includes tenant units at Hunter, such as Georgia Air National Guard. "We're growing fast. We've got more members already than the club had last year."

This growth could be the result of new groups within the club that attracts those interested in playing cards and games like Bunko, along with their need for fellowship, especially while their spouses are deployed.

"We have a very friendly and supportive group here," said Susan Corson, club president and wife to Lt. Col. Michael Corson, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade. Corson said she was grateful for the opportunity to reach new spouses at Hunter. As she stood at the booth and chatted with those stopping by, she encouraged them to come enjoy the camaraderie.

Vendors and attendees also enjoyed camaraderie at the Expo/Super Sign Up. The event's objective seemed to be met, leaving attendees with information about services and activities available to them on and off post.

Melissa Huggins said that she hopes the next annual membership drive will be this successful and that the Hunter Spouses' Club can reach out and attract even more members.



Soldier recognized at Waycross Rotary Club function

Dave Callaway

Sgt. Daniel Sidman (second from right) was nominated for a Silver Star for his meritorious service as a truck commander for Troop C, 1st Cavalry, 1st Brigade Combat Team from January 25, 2003 through June 1, 2003 at a Rotary Club meeting held at the Waycross Holiday Inn, Aug. 7. Sidman and Sgt. Maj. Lowell Thomas (center) provided a powerpoint presentation of their combat experiences during Operations Iraqi Freedom I and III to the Rotary Club.

Pictured left to right are Daniel Morris, program chairman for Waycross Rotary Club; Spc. O'Neil Reid, 4th Bde; Sgt. Maj. Lowell Thomas, 4th Bde; Sgt. Daniel Sidman, 4th Bde; and James Willis, Waycross Rotary Club President.

Hunter youth enjoys ice cream, plans events at social

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Catholic and Protestant youth, ages 4 to 18, met at Hunter Chapel's Religious Education Building Aug. 26 for a church-wide ice cream social. Afterward, they were sequestered into rooms according to their ages, to brainstorm ideas about the events they want to have during the upcoming school year.

Thirteen middle and high school students gathered in front of a dry erase board in one classroom to record their list of event possibilities. Besides skateboard-

ing, paintball, Christian concerts, laser tag, and horseback riding — there were 20 events that the teens want to have.

Elementary students, who were in an adjacent room, brainstormed their own ideas and came up with 14 events.

The objective of the children's involvement in activity planning is to give them ownership of upcoming events and to promote enthusiasm and excitement, according to Charles Archer, Hunter Chapel's youth ministry coordinator. He said he encourages Hunter youth to bring their friends to events with them. His mission is to group

fun, food, fellowship and faith together to develop area youth and to give them a "shot" of morality and ethics while they're there. Archr also encourages youth to pursue the faith of their Family's denomination.

Before the brainstorming sessions, Michael Illiff, the community director of religious education for Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, challenged the middle and high school teens.

"This is your program," Illiff said. "It should be a safe place to bring your friends; a place where they're welcome. Let's make a positive impact in our community."



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Four-year-old Ashton Brannon enjoys ice cream at Hunter Chapel's ice cream social Aug. 26.

Peanut Festival dedicates parade to servicemembers



Robert Palmer

Command Sgt. Maj. McArthur Dixon, 3rd Infantry Division rear-detachment command sergeant major, waves to the crowd gathered in Brooklet, Ga. for the 18th Annual Peanut Festival Parade.

The parade's theme was "Military Appreciation" and featured arts and crafts, food, entertainment and a variety of peanuts to include fried, boiled, roasted, peanut brittle and bushels of green peanuts.



Stewart supporter tours post

Kevin Larson

Greg Woolard, owner of Clyde's Market and his son Jake get a tour of the Directorate of Logistics Maintenance Shop from Ceasar Quarterman Aug. 21.

The maintenance shop was just one stop on an installation-wide tour that included a visit to Warriors Walk, a train ride, lunch at a dining facility, a visit at the Fort Stewart museum, a hands-on demonstration of the Close Combat Tactical Trainer simulators, and time with Soldiers going through Individual Replacement Training.

Woolard was invited to tour the post in appreciation for his recent donation to the installation's family readiness groups.